

Attachment H: Additional Waivers--Request and Justification

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The following additional waivers are requested by the State of Michigan for the populations included in this waiver pursuant to the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act:

Retroactive Coverage Section 1902(a)(34)

The State of Michigan requests waiver of the requirement to provide retroactive coverage to the Adult Benefit Waiver beneficiaries. Currently, waiver beneficiaries in 17 counties will be provided health services through a county health plan. Enrollment in a plan will be prospective to ensure that the care is coordinated and managed through the beneficiary's health plan. The county plans do not have the capability to pay retroactive claims on a consistent basis—particularly where the provider was not participating in the health plan. Services will be covered for the month of application and for subsequent months for which eligibility has been determined by the State.

Payment for Federally Qualified Health Centers Sections (FQHCs) 1902(a)(15) & 1902(aa)

The State of Michigan requests waiver of the requirement to pay FQHCs based upon the prospective payment system (PPS) for the Medicaid Adult Benefits Waiver beneficiaries. The requirement to pay FQHCs based upon the prospective payment system would significantly increase costs for these groups and reduce the number of persons that could be provided coverage under the waiver. In addition, funding for this waiver is provided under Title XXI of the Social Security Act—Title XXI does not require FQHCs to be paid under the PPS.

Fair Hearings 1902(a)(3)

The State of Michigan requests waiver of the Fair Hearing requirement for the waiver population. In its place, the state will conduct departmental reviews under the authority of state statute. Adult Benefit Waiver beneficiaries will receive services under Title XXI of the Social Security Act—Title XXI does not require Medicaid Fair Hearings. The use of departmental reviews will also be consistent with the state's other Title XXI program, MICHild.